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SUBJECT: SHIP VISIT TO MOCAMEDES

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1. REAR ADMIRAL CARDOSO, THE PORTUGUESE NAVAL COMMANDER IN ANGOLA, TOLD ME APRIL 18 THAT AT AN APRIL 14 MEETING OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL HE RAISED THE MATTER OF THE SHIP VISIT TO MOCAMEDES. ACCORDING TO CARDOSO, THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND ASKED WHY U.S. SHIPS SHOULD COME TO ANGOLA WHEN NO BILATERAL AGREEMENT EXISTS COVERING SUCH ACTIVITIES. CARDOSO EXPLAINED THAT SHIP VISITS ARE NOT NORMALLY THE SUBJECT OF AGREEMENTS BUT ARE GRANTED AS A MATTER OF COURTESY AND TRADITIONAL PRACTICE. HE REMINDED THE COUNCIL THAT MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC MATTERS ARE STILL THE PROVINCE OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. CARDOSO SAID THAT FNLA RAISED THE MOST FUSS AT THE MEETING.

2. THE COUNCIL FINALLY AGREED THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SHOULD SEND A LETTER TO THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT INFORMING IT OF THE PROPOSED VISIT. CARDOSO SAID HE PROBABLY WILL HAVE THE
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GOVERNMENT'S REACTION FOR ME BY APRIL 23, AT WHICH TIME

I WILL REPORT FURTHER.

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